

House Study Bill 675 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC GROWTH BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SORENSEN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act adopting and implementing the recommendations of the
2 artisanal butchery task force.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. ARTISANAL BUTCHERY TASK FORCE — IMPLEMENTATION
2 OF FINAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. The artisanal butchery task
3 force, established pursuant to 2021 Iowa Acts, chapter 175,
4 section 2, issued its final report to the general assembly on
5 January 6, 2022. Adopting the recommendations of the final
6 report, all of the following shall occur:

7 1. a. No later than December 31, 2022, the department of
8 education, in collaboration with the state board of education,
9 shall establish a framework for a one-year community college
10 certificate program for artisanal butchery that is modeled off
11 a program offered at Miles community college in Montana, and
12 the department shall provide the framework to all community
13 colleges established under chapter 260C.

14 b. A community college established under chapter 260C
15 that elects to establish a one-year certificate program for
16 artisanal butchery shall use the framework provided by the
17 department of education under paragraph "a" as the minimum
18 requirements, and may modify the curriculum based on the unique
19 circumstances of the specific community college. Pursuant
20 to sections 258.3A, 258.4, and 260C.14, and applicable Iowa
21 administrative rules, the community college shall obtain
22 approval of the community college's certificate program prior
23 to implementation of the program.

24 2. a. The economic development authority, in collaboration
25 with the department of workforce development, shall develop
26 and maintain a library of resources that serves as a single
27 resource point at which any Iowa-based business involved in
28 meat processing may obtain education and financial assistance
29 information. The library shall include, at a minimum,
30 information on all of the following:

31 (1) Short courses offered at the meats laboratory at Iowa
32 state university of science and technology.

33 (2) Registered apprenticeships.

34 (3) Summer youth internships.

35 (4) Jobs training under chapter 260F.

1 (5) Establishing an in-house apprenticeship program.

2 (6) How to access training programs.

3 (7) Employee development opportunities.

4 (8) Future ready Iowa programs.

5 (9) The butchery innovation and revitalization grant
6 program.

7 (10) The choose Iowa marketing and promotion grant program.

8 b. The library of resources shall be posted on the
9 authority's internet site, in a manner that is easily
10 accessible to the public, no later than December 31, 2022.

11 3. No later than July 31, 2022, and notwithstanding the
12 minimum criteria listed in section 84A.1B, subsection 14,
13 paragraphs "a" through "c", the workforce development board
14 shall add butchery, artisanal butchery, and meat processing to
15 the list of high-demand jobs for the purposes listed in section
16 84A.1B, subsection 14.

17 4. a. The department of agriculture and land stewardship
18 shall review all Iowa administrative rules related to labeling
19 of meat products processed at state-inspected and federally
20 inspected small-scale meat processing businesses and licensed
21 custom lockers located in the state. The department shall
22 identify any regulatory hurdles that impede the ability of
23 small-scale meat processing businesses and licensed custom
24 lockers to do business in the state, and the department shall,
25 no later than December 31, 2022, adopt rules as necessary,
26 and as permitted by state and federal law, to eliminate the
27 regulatory hurdles.

28 b. The department of agriculture and land stewardship
29 shall collaborate with Iowa state university extension and
30 outreach to develop and maintain a direct-to-consumer tool
31 kit that contains, at a minimum, the information detailed
32 in the artisanal butchery task force's final report. The
33 direct-to-consumer tool kit shall be posted on the department's
34 internet site, in a manner that is easily accessible to the
35 public, no later than December 31, 2022.

1 c. The department of agriculture and land stewardship shall
2 develop and maintain a directory of meat lockers in Iowa that
3 provides the location of, the contact information for, and
4 the products offered to consumers by, each meat locker in the
5 directory. The directory shall be posted on the department's
6 choose Iowa internet site, in a manner that is easily
7 accessible to the public, no later than December 31, 2022.

8 d. No later than August 31, 2022, the department of
9 agriculture and land stewardship shall conduct an outreach
10 program to provide information regarding the Iowa cooperative
11 interstate shipment program to all state-inspected meat and
12 poultry establishments located in the state.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 This bill adopts and implements the recommendations of
17 the artisanal butchery task force (task force), established
18 pursuant to 2021 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 2, as issued
19 in its final report to the general assembly on January 6, 2022.

20 The bill requires the department of education (department),
21 in collaboration with the state board of education, to
22 establish a framework, no later than December 31, 2022, for a
23 one-year community college (college) certificate program for
24 artisanal butchery that is modeled off a program offered at
25 Miles community college in Montana, and the department shall
26 provide the framework to all colleges established under Code
27 chapter 260C. A college that elects to establish a certificate
28 program shall use the framework provided by the department
29 as the minimum requirements, and may modify the curriculum
30 based on the unique circumstances of the specific college. As
31 detailed in the bill, the college shall obtain approval of its
32 certificate program prior to implementation of the program.

33 No later than December 31, 2022, the bill requires the
34 economic development authority (authority), in collaboration
35 with the department of workforce development (workforce

1 development), to develop and maintain a library of resources
2 that serves as a single resource point at which any Iowa-based
3 business involved in meat processing may obtain education and
4 financial assistance information as detailed in the bill.

5 The bill requires workforce development to add butchery,
6 artisanal butchery, and meat processing to the list of
7 high-demand jobs pursuant to Code section 84A.1B(14) no later
8 than July 31, 2022.

9 The department of agriculture and land stewardship (DALs)
10 is required by the bill to review all administrative rules
11 (rules) related to labeling of meat products processed at
12 state-inspected and federally inspected small-scale meat
13 processing businesses and licensed custom lockers located in
14 the state and to identify any regulatory hurdles that impede
15 their ability to do business in the state. DALs shall, no
16 later than December 31, 2022, adopt rules as necessary, and as
17 permitted by state and federal law, to eliminate the regulatory
18 hurdles. DALs is required to collaborate with Iowa state
19 university extension and outreach to develop and maintain a
20 direct-to-consumer tool kit that contains, at a minimum, the
21 information detailed in the task force's final report. The
22 tool kit shall be posted on DALs's internet site no later than
23 December 31, 2022.

24 The bill requires DALs to develop and maintain a directory
25 of meat lockers in Iowa that provides the location of, the
26 contact information for, and the products offered to consumers
27 by, each locker in the directory. The directory must be posted
28 on DALs's choose Iowa internet site no later than December
29 31, 2022. No later than August 31, 2022, DALs shall conduct
30 an outreach program to provide information regarding the Iowa
31 cooperative interstate shipment program to all state-inspected
32 meat and poultry establishments located in the state.